

The Secret Underneath

When a farmer in England came across pieces of old pottery in one of his fields, he contacted the local archeological society about his find.

The organization dispatched a graduate student, Stuart Wilson, to investigate. After a few minutes of looking around and finding what he thought to be the remnants of a wall, Wilson was convinced a secret was buried beneath the land.

Of course, there were critics who doubted this discovery held any merit. Most believed any lost civilization would have been located in Wales.

Wilson knew he was on to something. He made the decision to devote his time and effort exploring his theory.



The first couple of years were spent excavating part of the farmer's land. Soon a neighboring field became available. Wilson purchased the land and has spent the last 12 years discovering the past and proving the critics wrong.

With the help of volunteers and lots of donations, Wilson has been excavating the medieval town of Trellech. They've discovered fragments of the high street, drains, fireplaces, walls and cooking pots.

The town was established in the 13th century and was home to more than 10,000 people. By the 17th century, it had fallen into ruin as a result of diseases and raids by both English and Welsh forces. Not long afterward, New Trellech was established in Wales, obscuring its predecessor from the minds of historians ages later.

Thankfully, Wilson wasn't deterred by the critics or popular theories. Although he's spent the last 15 years on this mission, he speculates that only 1 percent of Trellech has been discovered.

This year, a new digging season will begin. Who knows what Wilson and his volunteers will find by the end of the year?



What was once an empty field is now a window to history because of one man's curiosity.

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No doubt, those of you in Life Care and Century Park are where you are today because of curiosity – curiosity in school about a chosen career, curiosity at some point concerning opportunities in health care or hospitality, and curiosity about what can be achieved as you grow in your work and your responsibilities.

And apart from your professional life, who can tell what discoveries await you – if you are willing to exercise your curiosity.

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out (Proverbs 25:2 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter